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8. 2. 1985

Dear Eric,

Thank you for your letter of 18th January. I too was delighted to find a kindred spirit and reciprocate your kind words to me by marvelling at your powers of verbal and written communication.

As I may have hinted when we met I have only just embarked on a dramatic change in lifestyle. Hitherto I have always worked and made profits for others and now I am negotiating to buy my own company and become an entrepreneur. In the normal course of events this should lead to my becoming a millionaire followed by my knighthood for my good works for charity. However until I put this dazzling career together I shall have to devote myself to just paying the school fees etc. I provide this information only to indicate that I have had a very hectic period since we met involving me in a potential law suite which I have settled only this week out of court to my advantage. My solicitor (who happens to be my brother) won for me a major victory over a significant U.S. Corporation. Knowing you to be a lawyer I felt you might be interested in such happenings because you will appreciate how time consuming such actions are.

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However, excuses apart, I did remove a deed box from one bank to another with the express intention of seeking some items for you. Fate played a wrotten trick as I had brought with me the wrong key and the box remains virgo intacto in its new home. I do apologise and hope it will not be too long before I can make amends. My problems do not, of course, assist your passionate quest for the items you have listed. As soon as I've settled down with my new company I will endeavour to seriously sort out or procure for you as many interesting items as I can.

Please contact me when next you visit the U.K. as it would be Jean and my pleasure to entertain you and your wife to dinner. If you have not yet visited "Blooms" in the East End of London this is an experience you should not miss and would assist me as Jean only eats 'Kosher'.

Jean joins me in sending you and your wife our very best wishes and the hope that we will meet again real soon.

Very Sincerely,

Peter

P.S. This letter was written with the 1950 'Turbo' Parker using unleaded ink.

Peter Wolf
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25 Feb 1985
6450 Cecil Ave
St Louis Mo 63105
U.S.A.

Dear Peter the future Knight:

To get rid of a lawsuit on an advantageous basis merits congratulations, but don't get into any more. You will spoil my collecting fun. As an entrepreneur (which I hope you are by now) you will have time to do things you enjoy and make others like me happy. Tell me what you are into.

Taking the wrong key is a new excuse and quite believable so don't worry. I had a key problem in Burford where I bought my first mahogony pub till. I could not unlock the drawer or the window because there was no key. The shopkeeper said, "It is up to you" and he dumped a large bureau drawer on the floor filled with keys and said "I guarantee that with diligence you will have proper keys in 10 minutes". He was right.

Since coming home I have been lecturing on the Ethiopian Jews to raise money for them to be airlifted out of Sudan. My wife & I were the only ones from our city who visited the Falashas recently and thus I was an "expert" who knew nothing so I read up what was necessary to make it interesting. I showed a souvenir I bought from the Falashas. It was a 4 inch bed with ✡ over the head board and who was in the bed but King Solomon and the Queen of Sheba. That convinced them to give.

You were very kind to ask Evelyn & myself to join you and Jean for a Kosher dinner at Bloom's. The next London trip we will do it. But in the meantime get your keys working on your loot.

I have found something for you — a rare item indeed — a combination — <u>a numismatic pen</u> — it is a ball point pen which has its clear plastic stem filled with chopped up #1, $5, $10, $20 etc paper money. Our treasury department permits the sale of macerated paper money sometimes and if you don't find work you can piece it together. The pieces are the size of ▭ ▯ ◇ and for a month's work you can put a #1 note together almost. This will be a gift to you on receipt of my first shipment from you.

My very best wishes and thanks for your very friendly and interesting letter.

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11. 3. 1985

Dear Eric,

Your letter inspired me to leap into action. I toured every pub in Scotland last week-end until I found what you were looking for. I returned to London with a colossal hangover but also a magnificent Mahogany till by Cox (see attached photo taken in the Rococco room of our East wing). I hope it is what you wanted as it cost me £75. Please let me know how & when it can be collected as I will have no time to deliver it myself.

I have now completed the purchase of my new company and you are reading the unmorNal words of the Chairman, Managing Director and Company Secretary of Penfriend (London) Limited the world renowned restorers of fountain pens. When in London you must visit our Dickensian premises (Cook's now include it as a must for all tourists)

Although I have managed to locate this till I regret that my new responsibilities in revitalising Penfriend may preclude all other activities for the time being. I'm sure you will understand. To add to my complexities out of the blue I've been recommended for the post of Finance Director to the Royal Opera House, Covent Garden. I can't tell if I'll be

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selected but it will leave me with one hell of a problem if I am.

Apart from the above my children are both engulfed by their most important examinations to be sat in June and our house is a haven of panic and loud voices. I shall not bore you further with tales of my domesticity and I hope you will bear with me while I ride out the storms to enable me to get properly organised.

I was delighted to read of your success in collecting funds for the Falklands the problems they and Israel face in this respect now & in the future is enormous.

Jean sends her love and we hope it will not be too long before we see Evelyn and yourself for an entertaining evening at 'Blooms' or wherever.

Every good wish

Sincerely,

Peter

P.S. I have the three volume set of books "Licenced Houses & their Management circa early 1930's which has photos of pub interiors if you are interested.

Mr Peter Woolf
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England.

Apr. 9, 1985
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U.S.A.

Dear Peter:

Do you know why the English put water pipes on the outside of a house rather than in the wall. Answer: Because they are much easier to repair when they freeze.

I am about to go to New York to my granddaughters Bat Mitzbah — I believe she will smile her way through the ceremony regardless of whether she knows her Hebrew or not. She is a charmer and being 13 she will probably get married this year if she could find something in pants.

By now Penfriend (London) must have split its stock (laughing) or perhaps you split your pants working on all of your capacities. I hope you make a profit which will cause me not to tell you the following joke about pens:

A business owner called in his accountant and said that the year's results were put on the balance sheet as a profit of 10d. He pointed out that making such a small sum was better than having a loss, but asked why the accountant had entered the 10d profit in red ink. The accountant said that he ran out of black ink and if he had bought more black ink to make the 10d entry in black ink there would have been a loss and he couldnt have used black ink anyhow, so that is why the profit was entered in red ink.

I am sincerely grateful for the purchase of the Cox till and presume you are now fully reimbursed by my cache of funds in England. If not please advise. For the moment leave it in the East Wing of your Hen house or anywhere you conveniently can keep it. I will write you what to do with it as soon as I can make an arrangement. Baldwins will keep it for me if you ever go there but I'll try to figure out another safe haven. Please buy anything you see that would intrigue me.

Evelyn & I are enjoying spring and know that both of you and your offspring are on spring too.

Our best.

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19.4.1985

Dear Eric,

Thank you for your letter of 4th April which only arrived yesterday 18th April. I was somewhat concerned that I had not heard from you but I am aware that the post is considerably delayed between the U.K. and U.S.A. for some reason not announced. Thank you also for the settlement cheque.

I thought the Cox's till was reasonable in price and in good condition so I bought it for you. However other items have been so outrageously priced that I have not gone for them. An example was a lovely Pub "Quicktill" change machine complete with glass coin tubes in tact. They wanted £285 for it and I considered that unreasonable — I hope you agree.

Now to deal with the more serious matters i.e. your deep rooted prejudices against plumbers and accountants. I agree these minority groups suffer bad P.R. and are therefore often misunderstood.

About the time of the Industrial Revolution in Britain (1760) George III decided he did not want to be King but he'd prefer to be a plumber. As there were no vacancies for plumbers, work being scarce, he decided to stimulate trade and decreed that all houses should have pipes built attached to house exteriors. By the time the houses were built in 1820, King George had lost the Colonies (some say he was made anyway) and he gracefully expired.

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His successors never had the courage to rescind the decree as the plumbers and pipemakers union is very powerful and enjoys intimate earthy relations with some members of Royalty even to this day.

In defence of accountants realistic approach to saving money most of them are either Scots or Jewish. In my present position I too become intimately involved with ink and hopefully ink spots on clothes will feature as a strong fashion next season.

As you see from our new letterhead Penfriend is emerging from the stygean gloom and I am having to devote 100% of my energy to rationalising what was a very old fashioned, charming but unprofitable company. The new formula I am working to will take a year or two but I'm certain I'll restore my ambitions for the Company by then. I nearly called on your aid recently to assist me to buy SAKS in New York. No! not the SAKS but pensaes (bladders). The post has been so bad that we did not receive parcels which were weeks overdue.

Mazel-tov on your Grand-daughter's Bat-Mitzvah. I hope you will mention my son Mitchell (aged 16) to her. It could be a fine match with few language difficulties.

This letter was composed at 4 AM this Friday morning before I prepare to go to 'Bermondsey' market to buy for Jean's company — wine at the Rembrandt Hotel on Sunday.

I shall keep the Cox till until I hear from you. Until then Jean joins me in sending good wishes to Evelyn & yourself.

Peter

Peter Woolf
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17 May 1985
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Dear Peter:

My friend from St Louis, Peter Gaspar, has volunteered to bring back the pub till. He is a professor of chemistry, a numismatic writer and quite a workaholic. He is writing (as part of a team of 3) the history of the Royal Mint. He is at the Royal Mint by now and will be there until 8 June 1985

c/o Graham Dyer
Royal Mint
Llanterisant-Pontyclun
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He expects to go to France and Holland thereafter and return to England 11 June to 14 June expecting to stay at Crighton Hotel
Bedford Place
London WC1

Will you be nice enough to write him in Wales and let him tell you whether to leave the package at Baldwin's (whom he will probably visit I believe) or at the Crighton Hotel. He will write you to confirm what is best. I assume you go to London often enough so it won't be a nuisance.

Please wrap up the package with a wood or rope handle so he can take it on the aircraft. If you want to put any coins, coin gadgets or other items in it please do, as you have never sent me any George III halfpence from the 1770-1780 decade or any tokens from the 18th or 17th century.

If you need a pen to write him I know a good resource. Thank you for your kindness.

Your success in penmanship is, I hope, not to be believed because it is so great

Best to both of you

Eric

Please include a statement for them.

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5th August 1985

Dear Eric,

Thank you for your recent letter and parcels of pens. I hope Andrew will not miss his pen and has not reverted to a ball point.

On Friday I delivered your Cox's bill to Baldwins who agreed to keep it safely for you.

Developments at Penfriend and on other fronts are keeping me totally occupied and I now have the aid of Jean Suzanne & Nikki to cope with our expansion.

Jean joins me in sending our very good wishes.

Sincerely,

Peter

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28. VI. 1985

Dear Eric,

I hope you and Evelyn are both well.

I received a call from your friend and we made an arrangement. I duly arrived at the Hotel to find that he had not checked in nor was there any reservation in his name. I showed the receptionist your letter specifying the Hotel and there was no mistake. I am somewhat grieved about the whole affair and if you are unable to take the till off my hands I would prefer to send you your money back and dispose of it myself.

With kind regards

Peter

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